



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Stainless Steel Bar From India: Preliminary Results, and Rescission, in part, of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2013-2014

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar (SSB) from India. The period of review (POR) is February 1, 2013, through January 31, 2014. This review covers one exporter/producer of the subject merchandise, Bhansali Bright Bars Pvt. Ltd. (Bhansali). We preliminarily find that subject merchandise has not been sold at less than normal value (NV) during this POR. We are also rescinding this review for one other producer/exporter, Ambica Steels Limited (Ambica). We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: *Effective Date:* [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*.]

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Shuler or Dana Mermelstein, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1293 or (202) 482-1391, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the order is SSB from India. The SSB subject to the order is currently classifiable under subheadings 7222.10.00, 7222.11.00, 7222.19.00, 7222.20.00, 7222.30.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The HTSUS

subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description is dispositive.¹

The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically *via* Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS).² ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov> and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html>. A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an Appendix to this notice.

Partial Rescission of Administrative Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), we are rescinding this administrative review with respect to Ambica because the review request was timely withdrawn.

Methodology

The Department has conducted this review in accordance with Section 751(a)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Export price is calculated in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act. Normal value is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusion, please *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

¹ A full description of the scope of the order is contained in the memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Stainless Steel Bar from India" dated concurrently with this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum), which is hereby adopted by this notice.

² On November 24, 2014, Enforcement and Compliance changed the name of Enforcement and Compliance's AD and CVD Centralized Electronic Service System (IA ACCESS) to AD and CVD Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). The Web site location was changed from <http://iaaccess.trade.gov> to <http://access.trade.gov>. The Final Rule changing the references to the Regulations can be found at 79 FR 69046 (November 20, 2014).

Preliminary Results of the Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine the following weighted-average dumping margin for the period February 1, 2013, through January 31, 2014.

| <u>Exporter/Manufacturer</u> | <u>Weighted-average Dumping Margin (Percent)</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Bhansali Bright Bars Pvt. Ltd. | 0.00 |

Disclosure and Public Comment

The Department intends to disclose to interested parties the calculations performed in connection with these preliminary results within five days of the date of publication of this notice.³ Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c), interested parties may submit cases briefs no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.⁴ Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.⁵ Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed using ACCESS.⁶

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.⁷ Hearing requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of

³ See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

⁴ See 19 CFR 351.309(d).

⁵ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

⁶ See 19 CFR 351.303.

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, parties will be notified of the date and time for the hearing to be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

The Department intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of the issues raised in any written briefs, within 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Assessment Rates

The Department will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).⁸ The Department intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of review.

For Bhansali, antidumping duties shall be assessed at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i).

Bhansali reported the name of the importer of record and the entered value for some of its sales to the United States during the POR. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), for these sales, if Bhansali's weighted-average dumping margin is above *de minimis* (i.e., 0.50 percent) in the final results of this review, we will calculate importer-specific assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of antidumping duties calculated for the examined sales to the total entered value of those sales. Where Bhansali did not report entered value, we will calculate importer-specific assessment rates for the merchandise in question by aggregating the dumping margins

⁸ In these preliminary results, the Department applied the assessment rate calculation method adopted in *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings: Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101 (February 14, 2012).

calculated for all U.S. sales to each importer and dividing this amount by the total quantity of those sales.

The Department clarified its “automatic assessment” regulation on May 6, 2003. This clarification will apply to entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by Bhansali for which it did not know its merchandise was destined for the United States. In such instances, we will instruct CBP to liquidate un-reviewed entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction. For a full discussion of this clarification, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the notice of final results of administrative review for all shipments of SSB from India entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication as provided by section 751(a)(2) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for Bhansali will be the rate established in the final results of this administrative review; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original investigation but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 12.45 percent, the all-others rate established in *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Stainless Steel Bar from India*, 59 FR 66915, 66921 (December 28, 1994). These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary,
for Enforcement and Compliance.

Dated: March 2, 2015.

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Appendix I

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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